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Re: Application of Hideki MASUBUCHI, Yukimasa FUKUDA  
entitled "A STEEL CORD FOR THE REINFORCEMENT OF  
A RUBBER ARTICLE AND TIRES"  
Assignee: BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION  
Our Reference: Q65000

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above-identified application for the purpose of entering the National Stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ eight (8) sheets of drawings.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☒ an executed Assignment and Form PTO-1595.
- ☒ a Form PTO-1449 listing the ISR references, and a complete copy of each reference.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments (if applicable) as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau. However, if further copies are needed, the undersigned attorney can easily provide them upon request.

The Assignee for the published patent application is **BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION**.

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Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$958.00 and Assignment Recordation Fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17 and 1.492 that may be required during the entire pendency of the application to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is also appended hereto.

Priority is claimed from November 11, 1999, and December 27, 1999, based on Japanese Patent Application Nos. 11-321,046 and 11-369,925, respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

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